Damages to the acqueduct over the Alur river

598. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 309 answered on 16th February 1933, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the officers who recommended the construction of the aqueduct as a permanent work;

(b) the names of the officers who inspected the work and reported that the work was satisfactorily done;

(c) whether any officer has reported that the damaged aqueduct should not be restored to the condition in which it was soon after its construction, if so, who are they;

(d) the names of the officers who suggested that temporary arrangements made every year would serve the purpose well;

(e) whether it is stated in any of the representations received by the Government from the ryots that they should not be punished for the fault of others, namely of officers who were responsible for constructing the posts without thinking the floods would occur;

(f) whether the Government are not in a position to state exactly the number of representations received by the Government for repairing the damage caused in a permanent manner; and if so,

(g) how many have been received till now;

(h) the requests contained in those representations and the dates of those representations or petitions;

(i) the date on which the work was finally inspected and approved of as well as the date on which the work was damaged;

(j) how many weeks did the work approved of lasted without being damaged?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Mr. Attokaran George, Special Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(b) Messrs. S. Narayana Ayyar, Overseer and A. George, Assistant Engineer, Central Division.

(c) No.

(d) Messrs. A. George, Assistant Engineer, Central Division, and Kandathil Verghese, Ag. Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division. These arrangements, it must be said, have worked satisfactorily ever since.

(e) Not traceable.

(f) Yes.

(g) Three.

(h) To extend the channel to British boundary, give water to Mundakan lands, to construct permanent aqueducts on concrete posts as before in place of the temporary work, strengthening varamba on both sides of the Alur river, to grant remission

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of assessment for the virippu crops destroyed in the floods and to give some amount to the agriculturists as free gift.

(i) The work was checked by the Assistant Engineer on 30th Makaram 1106 and the abnormal floods of 1106 damaged some of the concrete posts on 29th Karkadagam 1106.

(j) Twenty-six weeks.

Assessment on double crops raised on single crop lands.

599. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the total amount of assessment on double crops assigned as single crop lands reported to the different Tahsildars by the village officers to be collected this year;

(b) is there any increase in any of the taluks this year;

(c) if so, how much more than last year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—

		Rs.		
(a)	Cochin-Kanayannur	2,192	15	1
	Mukundapuram	3,674	12	11
	Trichur	2,219	14	1
	Talappalli	1,665	2	4
	Chittur	1,094	12	5
	Cranganur	72	3	10
	Total	10,919	12	8

(b) and (c) Yes. A statement showing the amount of increase in each of the taluks is shown below:—

	Rs.		
Cochin-Kanayannur	1,537	11	7
Mukundapuram	1,900	8	1
Trichur	930	6	4
Talappalli	326	8	5
Chittur	174	9	10
Cranganur	30	7	8
Total	4,900	3	11

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for this abnormal increase of double crop collection this year?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Last year some remission was granted on account of floods. That is the reason for the increase in collection this year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the amount collected year before last?

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